



# Hunter Mill Highlights

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Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

There has been much discussion in the media on the Fairfax County Public Library reorganization proposal for Reston Regional Library. Here's where things stand as of press time.

The Library Board of Trustees postponed "beta" testing for reorganization of the Reston Regional and Burke Libraries until October. This will allow the board to continue their discussion on the proposal at their September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

In addition, I anticipate a lively discussion at the September 10<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting along with a recommendation for more public outreach before implementing changes to the staffing at the Reston library.

Our libraries are the heart of our communities. While some believe that libraries are not a core governmental service, they certainly represent a quality of life issue.

Libraries are not stand-alone institutions. Changes to our library impacts other programs, sending ripples into intertwining services such as our public schools, preschool and early education programs, after school programs, adult literacy and language programs, and a myriad of other services.

While recognizing the need for modernizing to take advantage of new technologies and changes in how citizens use the library services, I am concerned how services to residents are impacted. In the past few years, our library system has taken budgetary hits that reduced hours and materials. Last year, the Board was able to restore some hours. Moving forward, I am mindful that our commitment to our libraries reflect the value our residents have for this institution.

New information will be posted on my website and covered in my newsletter to keep you current. I welcome you to share your views on this and other issues.



P.S. You can show your support for our local libraries at the **Fall 2013 Used Books Sale at Reston Region Library**, Thursday, September 26 through Sunday, September 29. The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Reston Regional Library and support the library programs.

## Latest Hunter Mill Announcements

### Crescent Redevelopment Community Information Event

On **Monday, Sept. 16, 7 to 9 p.m.**, Lake Anne Development Partners, LLC (LADP), will host a community information event on the redevelopment of the Crescent Apartments. The event will be held at the Reston Community Center – Lake Anne, located at 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston, VA 20190, and will provide attendees with an opportunity to learn about what LADP has proposed for the Crescent property.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to make a decision on the Interim Development Agreement with LADP at its meeting on September 10, 2013. Subsequently, the property will begin going through the county's land use process – which includes many opportunities for public input, together with public hearings. **The Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> event is intended for the community at large.**

As noted in last month's newsletter, Supervisor Hudgins and the Fairfax County Department of Housing and Community Development will be hosting a special meeting for **Crescent Apartments residents** on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 7 p.m., to discuss proposed redevelopment plans for the property. For information, call the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283.

### Election Officer Positions



Fairfax County 238 voting precincts will require some 2,200 election officers for the upcoming November 5th elections. Qualifications include being a registered voter in the Commonwealth of Virginia and available to work on Election Day. Each election officer is required to attend a training class. Election officers work 15 hours or more on election day.

In addition, the Fairfax County Electoral Board approved a compensation increase for Fairfax County Election Officers that will be in effect for the upcoming general election. Compensation levels are;

- Election Officer \$175
- Assistant Chief Election Officer \$200
- Chief Election Officer \$250.

Send an email to [elect@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:elect@fairfaxcounty.gov) - include full name, address, daytime telephone number, and your date of birth (to confirm your voter registration). Or, call 703-324-4735, M-F, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Additional information on working at the polls and upcoming training sessions is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm>

### Absentee Voting for College Students

College students registered to vote in Fairfax County who wish to vote in the Nov. 5 General Election need to plan ahead to cast their vote.

- Apply for an absentee mail-in ballot. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot to vote by mail is October 29.
- Cast an absentee vote in-person from September 20 through November 2.

For instructions, information, and links to the applications, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2013/college-absentee-voting-2013.htm>

### Fox Mill-Reston Water Main Project

Fairfax Water will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, September 18** to discuss its Fox Mill-Reston Transmission Improvements project. This project includes the construction of approximately 2,700 feet of new 36-inch water main on the east side of the Fairfax County Parkway, near the Pinecrest Road overpass.

The majority of work will be within the Virginia Department of Transportation right-of-way. Identified in Fairfax Water's System Master Plan, this project will provide expanded transmission capacity and enhanced reliability for water service to the highest ground elevations in Fairfax County, an area stretching from Reston in the north to Fair Lakes in the south. Design will be completed in the spring of 2014 and construction is anticipated to take place between the summer of 2014 and the spring of 2015.

The Public Meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Fox Mill Elementary School cafeteria, located at 2611 Viking Drive in Herndon. Fairfax Water representatives will present an overview of the project, discuss construction impacts, and site restoration, and will be available to answer questions related to this project. All members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Robert Cotten at [rcotten@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:rcotten@fairfaxwater.org) or visit the "Capital Projects" page of Fairfax Water's website at [www.fairfaxwater.org](http://www.fairfaxwater.org).

## Residential Studios Zoning Amendment Proposal: Public Meetings Planned

Affordable housing is a priority of the Board of Supervisors, and we must continue to address this issue and all of those who need such housing. For nearly ten years, Fairfax County has researched and analyzed best practices for affordable housing for single individuals. As Chair of the Board of Supervisors' Housing and Human Services Committees, I am pleased that the Board of Supervisors is moving forward with its discussion on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment for Residential Studios. While doing so, I also believe that we can maintain the standards throughout Fairfax County that have made our neighborhoods and communities desirable places to live.

The intent of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment is to create a new housing product that is specifically designed to primarily serve a single-occupant population with a household income of not more than 60% of Area Medium Income (AMI). This housing product has been successfully utilized throughout Virginia, in Charlottesville, Richmond, Virginia Beach, and other Tidewater areas.

The proposed amendment was presented to the Board's Housing Committee in February and May of this year for review and comment. At both meetings, Board members expressed concern with the possible conversion of an existing single family dwelling to a Residential Studio Development. County staff acknowledged that while such a scenario was possible, a conversion of this type would be subject to the building code provisions for a multiple family dwelling. In addition, the proposed standards for residential studios requires the development be located on a collector street or major thoroughfare, and that the use be designed to be harmonious with the neighboring properties. This will enable the Board to evaluate the appropriateness of such a request on a case by case basis.

Residential studios are proposed as a special exception use in most residential, commercial, and industrial districts. As is the case with the current special exception uses in residential districts, not every lot in every district is appropriate for the development of residential studios. The actual number of units would be subject to Board approval of the special exception, taking in consideration of the specific proposal, location, and compatibility factors set forth in the proposed additional standards.

On July 30, the Board of Supervisors authorized a public hearing on the proposed Residential Studios Zoning Ordinance Amendment. As a part of this action, the Board directed the Planning Commission to conduct additional outreach to the community. The Planning Commission subsequently established a schedule of public meetings. The meetings will take place at the Government Center Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

- **September 25, 2013:** Public work session; 8:15 p.m. A public work session where County staff will provide detailed information about the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment to the Planning Commission. During the meeting, citizens will have the opportunity to submit questions which staff will research and respond to at the next workshop session. Questions can also be emailed to [plan-com@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:plan-com@fairfaxcounty.gov)
- **October 2, 2013:** Public work session, 8:15 p.m. The second public work session will include presentations by County staff and responses to questions submitted by citizens during the September 15th session. There will be an opportunity for questions and comments from citizens.
- **November 20, 2013:** Public Hearing; 8:15 p.m. The Planning Commission will hold an official public hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment. The Planning Commission website includes an opportunity to sign up in advance to speak at the hearing.

For more information, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/proposed> and see the section titled "Residential Studios".



*This month on*

## Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins: **Residential Studio Units**

This month focuses on the Residential Studio Units proposal under consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Joining Supervisor Hudgins are Leslie Johnson (Zoning Administrator) and Pam Michell (New Hope Housing) for a discussion on the proposal.

You can view the program on the County's **Channel 16** on Sundays at 4 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m., or Fridays at 4 p.m., or watch on your computer on the above days and times with [Live Video Streaming](#) or at your leisure with [Video on Demand](#).



## Fall is Health Care Season

Fall is in the air, schools are back in session, and the leaves are tinged with color. Clearly change is all around us. One of the more significant changes, come October, will be open enrollment in **Affordable Care Act (ACA)**, often referred to as Obamacare. October 1 through March 31 has been designated as the initial period when Americans purchase coverage.

As the most significant regulatory overhaul of the [country's healthcare system](#) since 1965 when Medicare and Medicaid were created, ACA promises to make quality health insurance affordable and obtainable. It has the additional long-term bonus of lower future deficits and Medicare spending, both, according to the Congressional Budget Office.

But in order to accomplish all, or indeed any of that, people need to enroll. Before you can enroll you need to understand. Below is a link that could introduce you step by step to the "universal coverage" program.

<http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/timeline/index.html>

It is vitally important that each of us review the various plans and options, and prices during **Open Enrollment** to determine which best suits individual health care needs. When you are ready to enroll, you can register through the site below. <https://www.healthcare.gov/>

My office will be hosting a March Town Hall meeting in which we will review the ACA national program and local opportunities to participate. Watch for details in upcoming newsletter. Finally, the choices you make during Open Enrollment go in effect 1 January 2014.

## **2013 Reston Multicultural Festival**

*Saturday, September 28*

*11 a.m. - 6 p.m.*

*Lake Anne Plaza, Reston*

*Free \* Rain or Shine \**

*Hosted by the Lake Anne of Reston Condominium Association and co-sponsored by Reston Community Center and Reston Association, with partners from a variety of Reston based organizations and businesses.*

*For more information, please contact Kevin Danaher, Community Events Director at 703-390-6166*

### *Festival Highlights:*

- *Featured performances by The National Heritage Award Fellows*
- *A Naturalization Ceremony*
- *Great music and stunning dance performances on 2 stages*
- *An International Book Fair for Children*
- *Great Storytellers & Children's Story Time*
- *Art Mirrors Culture Exhibits*
- *Arts and crafts activities*
- *Delicious food from around the world*

## School News

*From Fairfax County Police Department:*

### Back to School Safety Reminders

Fairfax County Police urge motorists to be extra vigilant for pedestrians and bicyclists as county schools resumed classes Tuesday, September 3. Commuters should expect increased congestion throughout the week and build time into their schedules to accommodate for the traditionally heavy time period. Residents may also notice police officers posted in school zones and near bus stops helping ensure pedestrian safety as well as safe loading and unloading of students.

Police remind drivers that when bus lights and stop signs are activated, vehicles must stop in both directions, unless they are separated from the bus by a median.

In 2012, there were a total of 1,500 citations written for infractions involving school zones and buses, including 961 for speeding in a school crossing and 194 for passing a stopped school bus. Typically, these infractions occur between 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Additionally, there were 79 reportable crashes that involved school buses in 2012 and there have been 43 so far in 2013.

Traffic safety is a high priority for the Fairfax County Police Department. To learn more about traffic safety issues, contact Master Police Officer Allie Eggers at 703-280-0530.



### Changes to Graduation Requirements for Students with Disabilities

This past spring, the Virginia Board of Education voted to amend the graduation requirements for students with disabilities. The changes in graduation requirements provide eligible students with disabilities the opportunity to use credit accommodations to earn a Standard Diploma. Students must be found eligible for these accommodations. For more information on credit accommodations and all graduation requirements, please visit: <http://www.fcps.edu/is/schoolcounseling/graduations.html>.

### Community Members Wanted As Student Mentors

Since 1999, Fairfax County Public Schools has sponsored **MentorWorks** to connect caring, responsible adults with students. These mentors provide attention and support, serve as positive role models, and encourage students to develop their strengths to reach their full potential.

**MentorWorks is currently looking for members of the community who want to become mentors.** Student-based mentoring programs take place during the school day at school sites and are present in a majority of our schools. Training and on-going assistance are provided by MentorWorks and the school's mentoring program coordinator. Becoming a mentor is a wonderful opportunity to support one of our students and simultaneously have a rewarding, enjoyable personal experience.



Who mentored you? Was there someone who helped you become the person you are today? You can be that person for one of our students.

**Note:** Most schools initiate their programs in the fall. Your expression of interest at this time will facilitate your early participation in the 2013-14 school year. For more information, go to the MentorWorks website at <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/ips/ssaw/mentorworks>, or contact Shelley Prince, MentorWorks specialist, at 571-423-4403, or at [Shelley.Prince@fcps.edu](mailto:Shelley.Prince@fcps.edu).

## Transportation



### Hunter Station Road and Bridge Now Open

The bridge on Hunter Station Road was weight restricted over a year ago due to the deterioration rate of the steel beams supporting the bridge. VDOT decided to limit the bridge's load amount to six tons. This change prohibited school buses, delivery trucks, and other service vehicles from crossing the bridge. VDOT has announced they have completed the installation a temporary replacement bridge.

### Reston Town Center Transit Station Closed Sept. 8-13

Fairfax Connector will be refurbishing the Reston Town Center Station. The project encompasses new shelters, repaving the bus loop, and other aesthetic improvements and necessary repairs. The nature of paving

work will close the transit center from September 8 at 9:00 p.m. to September 13 at midnight. Passengers will use the north and south sides of Bluemont Way to access Fairfax Connector buses. East-bound buses will be loading on the south side of Bluemont Way and west-bound buses will be loading on the north side of Bluemont Way. Additional information about the changes can be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/parkandrides/busbays.htm>. Connector staff and signage to alert drivers will be present during this temporary change of operations. Fairfax Connector has provided a diagram (right) to better understand the changes at the Reston Town Center Transit station.



### 4-Year Transportation Program Status Report

Transportation staff has reconfigured the report to be clearer regarding project timelines, funding sources, and project locations. Many project updates are available such as the Beulah Road Walkway Project, Soapstone Walkway Project, Reston Metrorail Station Access projects (RMAG), Tysons Station Metrorail Station Access (TMSAMS), and other transportation projects in the Hunter Mill District. The report can be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/fouryearprogram.htm>

### Bike Thefts Up: Take Precautions

Fairfax County Police warn residents to take precautions to protect their bicycles from thieves. Crime analysts report an approximate 36% increase in the number of stolen bicycles when comparing similar time periods over the prior year. From September 1, 2011-August 31, 2012, there were roughly 265 bicycle thefts. During the same time period from 2012-2013, there were 361. In the McLean area, alone, there have been 86 bicycles stolen. Many of the bikes are taken when residents leave their garage doors open. Thieves simply seize the opportunity, take the bikes, and walk away. Crime Prevention Officers suggest bicycle owners take the following precautions to help prevent becoming a victim:

- Close garage doors.
- Invest in a hardened steel U-lock.
- Don't leave bicycles outside for days, or nights, on end. Thieves may be watching and may target "unused" bicycles.
- Consider installing motion sensor lights or alarms on your property.
- Take a photo of your bike and record the serial number; this will aid in recovery should your bike be stolen.

Consider registering your bicycle on the [National Bike Registry](http://www.nbr.gov/). [Report the stolen item online.](#)



### Torch Passed to Fairfax County for 2015 World Police and Fire Games

Capt. Jerome Williams, Fire and Rescue Department, carries the torch from this summer's World Police and Fire Games in Belfast, Ireland to officially transfer the 2015 games to Fairfax County.

The games will be held June 26 - July 5, 2015, in the National Capital Region. More than 12,500 athletes from 70 countries are expected to compete in 40 sports and 1,600 medal events.



### Live Fire Training Exercise: September 19th

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department's Training Division will be hosting a live fire training event on Thursday, September 19, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The training will be held at 915 Frederick Street, in Vienna. This "hands-on" training is the most valuable and realistic training provided to uniformed members and could not take place without support from the community. Interested residents are welcome to come visit the site and observe the training.

### Reston District Police Department Officer of the Quarter

Police Officer First Class Adam Mancini took swift, lifesaving measures to save a man in a grocery store. PFC Mancini was dispatched to an unconscious subject at the Harris Teeter in the Spectrum Center. Upon arrival, he located the individual on the floor near the customer service desk. A citizen was attempting efforts at CPR. PFC Mancini checked the man's vital signs and found him to be without a pulse. The officer immediately began compressions. After one round of compressions, the man let out a gasp. PFC Mancini checked the man again, but still found no pulse. He began a second set of compressions. After twenty three more compressions, the subject began breathing again. As Mancini was discontinuing CPR, the Fire Department arrived and took over care. For his actions during a chaotic scene, he was awarded the Officer of the Quarter by the Reston District Citizens Advisory Committee. Congratulations PFC Mancini and thank you for your service to the community.

### Pink Firetruck Tour Visits Hunter Mill District



Supervisor Hudgins added her name to the pink firetruck as part of the **Pink Heals Tour**. The tour travels to communities across the country to raise awareness and focus on breast cancer.



Photos from Captain Willie Bailey, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

### Status of Hunter Mill District Land Use Projects

**Oakcrest School – Tax Map 18-4 ((1)) Parcel 26C; 18-4 ((8)) Parcel 4, and A has filed a Special Exception Amendment (SEA 2009-DR-008) to revise Special Exception Plat and Development Conditions for a traffic signal as a replacement for traffic control at the intersection of Crowell and Hunter Mill Road. The Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this application on Wednesday, July 30, 2013. Board of Supervisors public hearing is being rescheduled for Tuesday, September 24, 2013.**

**Stephen M. DeFrank, Jr. has filed a Final Development Plan Amendment (FDPA 87-C-060-18) and Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 87-C-060-12) to add a covering to the 17.4 feet x 19 feet portion of the existing deck at -2465 Iron Forge Road, Oak Hill, VA 20171 – Tax Map: 025-1 ((14)), parcel 16. The existing deck will remain but will be reduced in depth so that it is less than half the distance to the rear property line and the width is slightly expanded on the west side. The Planning Commission public hearing has been deferred until September 18, 2013.**

**Tysons West Residential, L.L.C. and JBG/Tysons Hotel, L.L.C. have filed a rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application proposing to rezone a property from the General Industrial (I-5), Regional Retail (C-7), Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to the Planned Tysons Corner Urban Center (PTC), HC and SC Districts (RZ 2011-HM-032). The property is currently developed with the Sheraton Premier Hotel and the former Moore Cadillac/Hummer dealership. The Applicant seeks to transform the Property, referred to as “Promenade at Tysons West”, into a walkable, transit-oriented neighborhood with a mix of residential, retail, office and hotel uses. The Property is located at Tax Map 29-1 ((1)) 10D and 29-3 ((1)) 1B and 29-3 ((20)) C1. Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of these applications on Wednesday, Thursday, July 31, 2013. The Board of Supervisors public hearing date is scheduled for September 24, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.**

**Tysons West Residential, LLC & JBG/Tysons Hotel, LLC have filed a Final Development Plan (FDP 2011-HM-032) associated with the pending rezoning application RZ 2011-HM-032. The property is currently developed with the Sheraton Premier Hotel and the former Moore Cadillac/Hummer dealership. The Applicant seeks to transform the Property, referred to as “Promenade at Tysons West”, into a walkable, transit-oriented neighborhood with a mix of residential, re-tail, office and hotel uses. The Property is located at Tax Map 29-1 ((1)) 10D and 29-3 ((1)) 1B and 29-3 ((20)) C1. Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of this application on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. The Board of Supervisors public hearing is scheduled for September 24, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.**

**Sekas Homes, LTD and Land Design Consultants rezoning and final development plan applications (RZ/FDP 2013-HM-012 – Spring Lake 3 (previously called Summer Hill Estates) have been accepted. The area is currently zoned R-1, with approximately 5.4 acres – Fairfax County Tax Map #28-4((8)) Parcels 3-7 and 28-4 ((9)) Parcel A. The proposed rezoning is from R-1 to PDH-2 and is proposing ten (10) single-family detached houses. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 8:15 p.m.**

**T-Mobile and Milestone Communications have filed a 2232-H13-2 application for a wireless telecommunications facility at A. Scott Crossfield Elementary School, 2791 Fox Mill Road, Herndon, VA. The proposal is for a 130’ tall pole that will be camouflaged to look like a tree (treepole). The pole is well screened by existing trees. The ground equipment required to operate the pole will be located at the foot of the pole in a fenced and locked compound (25’x 85’) that will be screened by landscaping. For additional information regarding this proposal, you may visit [www.crossfieldwirelesspole.com](http://www.crossfieldwirelesspole.com). The Planning Commission public hearing has been delayed until fall 2013.**

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## Land Use continued -

**CARS-DB1, LLC have filed rezoning applications for Dominion Square 1580, 1586 and 1592 Spring Hill Road: Tax Map 29-3((01)), Parcels 2C1, 2C2 and 2D, to rezone the property from the Regional Retail (C-7), Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to the Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts. RZ 2011-HM-012 concurrent with RZ 2011-HM-013** proposes to redevelop multiple car dealerships into a vibrant, transit oriented mixed-use neighborhood with office, hotel, retail and residential uses. Included in the development will be five (5) residential buildings, a large public park/facility near the stream valley area to the south. The low-rise retail structures and multiple surface parking lots will be replaced with high-rise buildings and structured parking. The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

**Q-R Spring Hill, LLC (Perseus Realty) has filed a Rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application for 1577 Spring Hill Road, Tax Map 029-3 ((1)) Parcel 2F / Conceptual Development Plan to rezone the property from Regional Retail - C-7, Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts (RZ 2011-HM-026).** The proposed mixed-use development is near the Tysons West Metro Station and will consist of office, hotel, residential and retail development. This Applicant has joined with the owners of the property to the southwest, Tax Map 29-1 ((1)) 2G (Sunburst). The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

**1587 Springhill Holdings, Inc. located at Tax Map 029-3 ((1)) 2G has filed a Rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application to rezone the property from Regional Retail - C-7, Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts (RZ 2011-HM-027).** The property is currently developed with a motel and restaurant that were constructed in 1982. The proposed mixed-use development is near the Tysons West Metro Station and will consist of two office buildings and one residential building, all of which will have ground floor retail. This Applicant has joined with the owners of the property to the northeast, Tax Map 29-1 ((1)) 2F (Perseus Realty). The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

### **New Applications Accepted:**

**Blue Ocean Development, Inc.** owner of 9805 Leesburg Pike has filed a proposed Special Exception (SE 2013-HM-012) to modify the minimum lot width requirement in the R-1 District to permit a subdivision of the subject property into two lots. The existing single family dwelling is proposed to remain on Proposed Lot 2, and a new single family dwelling is proposed to be constructed on Proposed Lot 1. The property is located at Tax Map 19-1 ((1)) Parcel 27. A tentative Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for November 14, 2013 at 8:15 p.m.

**JBG Reston Retail, LLC**, has filed a proposed Development Plan Amendment / Proffer Condition Amendment / PRC Plan Amendment to allow the construction of a drive in bank at Tax Map 17-4 ((31)) Parcel p (part), 17-3 ((3))-IE (Part) and 17-3 ((3))-IE3 (the property). Planning Commission public hearing is tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2014.

**G&K, Inc.** has filed Special Exception SE 2013-HM-03 to allow the accessory use of Trunk Rental establishment (U-Haul rental service) at the Lake Anne Service Center. The station is located at 11410 North Shore Drive, Reston and Fairfax Tax Map 17-2 ((01)) Parcel 7. The Planning Commission date is tentatively scheduled for January 23, 2014.

### **New Application Filed:**

**Block 4 LLC and Reston Town Center Property LLC** (Affiliates of Boston Properties) have filed a Development Plan Amendment (DPA), a Proffered Condition Amendment (PCA), and a Planned Residential Community (PRC) plan to develop what is currently a surface parking lot and redevelop a portion of the existing low-rise office and retail uses in the Town Center Urban Core with a mix of residential, office and retail/restaurant uses located at Fairfax County Tax Map as 17-1 ((16)) Parcels 1 and 4, and 17-1 ((16)) Parcel 5A.

## Reston Master Plan Special Study

The Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force met on Tuesday, August 13, 2013. Heidi Merkel, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning, led the discussion on Version 5 Draft Comprehensive Plan Text language. For Version 5 Draft text, Statements and comments regarding the text, further information about the Reston Master Plan Special Study and copies of the documents, please visit the study website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/>

## Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee

The HMDLUC will meet on Tuesday, September 16, 2013. There are two items on the agenda:

**Thoburn Property Presentation/Discussion.** The contract purchaser of the parcels identified on the Fairfax County Tax Map as 18-3 ((1)) 4 and 5, 18-3 ((2)) 1, 2A, 4, and 6, 18-3 ((3)) 2A, 3A, and 4A, 18-4 ((1)) 22, 23, and 26B, and 18-4 ((8)) 1A, 2, and 3 (collectively, the "Property"), which are generally located in the vicinity of the intersection of Sunset Hills Road and Hunter Mill Road, would like to discuss the potential future use of the Property. The contract purchaser has not filed any land use application for the Property with Fairfax County. This agenda item is for discussion purposes only.

John Sekas of Sekas Homes and Kelly Atkison of Land Design Consultants will be presenting on rezoning application RZ 2013-HM-012. The area is currently zoned R-1, with approximately 5.4 acres – Fairfax County Tax Map # 28-4((8)) Parcels 3-7 and 28-4 ((9)) Parcel A. The proposed rezoning is from R-1 to PDH-2 and is proposing ten (10) single-family detached houses.

The HMDLUC meets at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, call 703-478-0283.

## Board of Zoning Appeals: Appeal / Application

**RN Golf Management, LLC of 11875 Sunrise Valley Drive and 2018 Soapstone Drive, Reston** has filed appeal A 2012-HM-020 regarding the determination that redevelopment of property in the PRC CB District from a golf course to residential uses would require an amendment to the Reston Master Plan, a development plan amendment and Planned Residential Community Plan approval from the Board of Supervisors. (Tax Map 17-4 ((11)) 4A, 26-2 ((2)) 8 and 26-2 ((5)) parcel 4). **RN Golf Management, LLC has requested an indefinite deferral of this Appeal.** This action removes the case from the Board of Zoning Appeal's schedule indefinitely.

## New Parkland for the Hunter Mill District

The Fairfax County Park Authority announced an addition of 1.18 acres to Raglan Road Park, located at 8590 Raglan Road in Vienna. Raglan Road Park is an undeveloped park that connects with Old Courthouse Spring Branch Stream Valley Park, near Westbriar Elementary School. The additional acreage adds to the Park Authority goal to preserve 25 percent of the County's land in parkland.



**Saturday, September 21, 8 a.m. to noon**  
Sully District Governmental Center, 9400 Stonecroft Blvd. Chantilly, VA 20151. Residential material of a sensitive nature such as tax documents, financial records will be accepted. Up to 5 medium sized boxes per vehicle. Only paper- no binders, hanging file folders, metal clips, books or magazines.



**Sunday, September 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton  
Residents can recycle televisions, computers, monitors and peripheral electronic devices such as printers, scanners, speakers, keyboards, mice and external drives, and unbroken fluorescent tubes and fluorescent light bulbs. No charge.

## Deer Population a Challenge for Area Forests

by Charles Smith  
Natural Resource Management & Protection Branch,  
Fairfax County Park Authority

September marks the beginning of the County's Deer Management program at many of our parks. Information on the program is available at the [Deer Management Program website](#).

Many residents in Northern Virginia understand the need to change land use practices to stop or minimize habitat destruction and preserve good examples of our native plant communities. An increasing number of people also support combating the spread of non-native invasive species to include problem plant species and insects such as gypsy moth, which can strip tree foliage and cause their death.



These two conservation priorities remain tremendously important, but there is a critical need to add another: controlling populations of white-tailed deer.

People arrived in North America over 13,000 years ago. Once our species arrived, we, not wolves and mountain lions, gradually became the top predator controlling populations of large herbivores. Many of those species eventually went extinct. The white-tailed deer nearly joined their ranks by about 1900, with very few deer left in the state.

In the mid-20th century, Virginia joined many other states in reintroducing white-tailed deer to supplement the few deer left and increase numbers for sport hunting. From the 1950s through the 1980s two things happened that greatly contributed to the increase in the number of deer. First land use shifted away from agriculture toward suburban and urban uses.

Contrary to commonly held beliefs, suburban landscapes do not take away deer habitat - they create it. Deer are adaptive animals. Suburban development creates preferred edge habitat for deer, and human landscapes provide high concentrations of edible plants close to the ground where the deer can get to them. You can grow more deer in suburbia than you can in a purely forested landscape.

The second major factor is that few people hunt. Deer are a prey species that requires predation to control their populations. Without predation they can double their numbers in as little as one year. With almost no hunting pressure in suburban areas and declining hunting pressure in rural areas, deer numbers have skyrocketed statewide. In many areas of the state, deer population numbers are at more than three to eight times the densities that native plant communities can sustain.

The result is that our remaining forest ecosystems are decimated. Deer eat everything native with few exceptions. They eat almost all of the non-woody plants in the forest as well as all shrubs and trees within their reach and the majority of the acorns and hickory nuts. They have now removed most vegetation from many of our forests below 5 feet.

The results include the disappearance of most of our forest bird species in many areas due to loss of the understory, the loss of many of our woodland wildflowers, and a change of our forest stand composition to a few species such as tulip tree, American beech and red maple that have smaller seeds and appear to be less palatable to deer.

As our forest are oversimplified we lose native species, non-native invasive plants explode and become the dominant understory. Once the existing trees die, there will be little to replace them.

In 2008 the USDA Forest Service began to make dire predictions about eastern forests due to the over-browsing by white-tailed deer. The problem is so severe that even if we could reduce the number of deer immediately to within ecologically sustainable levels, it would take many decades if not centuries to recover our native plant communities.

If we act soon we can retain enough native plant stock and seed that many species could recover within remaining forests and repopulate surrounding areas over time.

It is time for residents and local governments in Northern Virginia to join with USDA Forest Service, the Virginia Natural Heritage Program, large landowners and managers elsewhere in Virginia, the Maryland Native Plant Society and other in supporting and urging efforts to reduce and manage the number of white-tailed deer in order to protect our native plant species, the communities in which they live and the animal species they support.



## Notices

### Latino Festival: Saturday, September 21

Southgate Community Center will host a Latino Festival to celebrate the vibrant and diverse Latino community of Reston. The festival takes place on **Saturday, September 21**, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Southgate Community Center, 12125 Pinecrest Road, Reston. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the musical performances, cultural folklore, and connect with Latino businesses, organizations, County agencies and local non-profits. For additional information, contact Southgate Director [Richard Cabellos](#), or call 703- 860-0676.



### Everything You Need to Know About Your Car Tax Bill

Fairfax County's Personal Property (car) Tax payment is due on Monday, October 7th. The Department of Tax Administration has prepared a webpage loaded with information to help you navigate your personal property tax, including ways to pay, tax relief information, and contacts for additional information.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2013/car-tax-what-need-to-know-2013.htm>

### Native Plant Sale & Home & Garden Tour: September 14 & 15

Select new plants for next year's summer garden at the Town of Vienna's **Native Plant Sale**, Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Community Center. On Sunday, join in on the **2013 Vienna Sustainability Home and Garden Tour**. The tour highlights some of Vienna's most sustainable homes and gardens including examples of homemade soaker hoses and rain garden, permeable driveway, geothermal HVAC system, and much more. Contact the Community Enhance Commission ([CECViennaVA@gmail.com](mailto:CECViennaVA@gmail.com)) to participate in the tour. Visit [Plant Sale](#) and [Home & Garden Tour](#) websites for additional information.

#### *From Fairfax County Public Schools*

### Fairfax County Football Leads the Way



Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) has become the first school district in the United States to adopt [USA Football](#)'s Heads Up Football<sup>SM</sup> program to promote a better, safer game for its high school student-athletes.

In preparation for the 2013 season, all 250 high school football coaches in FCPS—including head coaches and assistants—were trained in Heads Up Football techniques that reinforce tackling mechanics aimed at reducing helmet contact, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) concussion recognition and response protocols, and proper helmet and shoulder pad fitting. With 25 high school football programs and more than 3,300 student-athletes, FCPS high schools join more than 1,900 youth football programs nationwide in adopting Heads Up Football this season.

The adoption of Heads Up Football by FCPS for 2013 mirrors the action taken by the **Fairfax County Youth Football League**, one of the largest independent youth leagues in the country. Fairfax County represents the nation's first youth league-high school Heads Up Football continuum.

### Softball Teams: Moonlight Madness Tournament Registration Open

Fairfax County Park Authority in partnership with Fairfax Adult Softball is seeking teams for its first ever overnight coed softball tournament, Moonlight Madness. The tournament will take place at Braddock Park's softball complex in Clifton on Saturday, October 12 and Sunday, October 13. Participants will compete in umpired games under the lights starting at midnight. Other activities such as home-run derbies, speed competition, softball bingo and giveaways will start at 9 p.m. Entry fee is \$285 per team and deadline to register is October 8. Register on-line at [www.tourneymachine.com/E2673](http://www.tourneymachine.com/E2673).